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Serial No.: 10/047,072) Examiner: Ewoldt, Gerald R.
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Entitled: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR OBTAINING MATURE DENDRITIC CELLS

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
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Dear Sir:

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Please amend the above-referenced patent application before substantive examination as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown on the attached page as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), Exhibit A. A clean version of all of the pending claims is also submitted attached to this response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) as Exhibit B.

Please cancel claims 5-8.

Please add new claims 9-11 as set forth in Exhibits A and B.